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Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
- a scanner upper portion having an upper surface;
- a light-emitting element disposed on said scanner upper surface;
- a reflective plate disposed between said upper surface and said light-emitting element, said reflective plate being adapted to reflect light emitted from said light-emitting element onto a first surface; and

an aperture formed on a first predetermined position on said reflective plate and positioned between the upper surface and the light-emitting element to decrease said reflected light on a portion of said first surface.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light-emitting element comprises a lamp.
 - 3. (Cancelled)
 - 4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reflective plate substantially comprises an arc shape.
 - 5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reflective plate substantially comprises a "∏" shape.

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- 6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the aperture comprises a central part, a first end and a second end.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said aperture substantially comprises an elongated shape.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising: a spreading plate disposed between said light-emitting element and said reflective plate.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said spreading plate includes a plurality of perforations.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said spreading plate is adapted to distribute at least a portion of the light emitted by said light emitting element.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further comprising: a protective plate disposed on said scanner upper surface for protecting said apparatus.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light-emitting element comprises a LED array.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a scanner lower portion coupled to said scanner upper portion.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said scanner upper portion and said scanner lower portion substantially comprise a scanning device housing.
 - 15. (Currently amended) A scanner component, comprising:

a reflective plate adapted <u>for coupling to eouple</u> to a scanner, wherein the plate includes a central part, wherein the <u>plate has and</u> at least one aperture formed on a first predetermined position thereon which is <u>proximate adjacent</u> to the central part of said reflective plate;

a light-emitting element; and

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a scanning platform, wherein the light-emitting element is between the reflective plate and the scanning platform.

- 16. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein the plate is further adapted to couple to an upper portion of said scanner.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein said aperture is adapted to not reflect the light produced by a light source of said scanner.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, wherein the plate is formed to have a substantially arc-shape.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The scanner component of claim 15, further comprising at least two apertures formed on the plate.
 - 20. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
 - a scanner upper portion having an upper surface;
 - a light source disposed on the upper portion and adapted to produce light; and
- a reflective plate disposed on the upper surface and having one or more apertures formed thereon, said reflective plate being adapted to reflect at least a portion of the produced light from portions not including said one or more apertures formed thereon, wherein said one or more apertures formed on said reflective plate are positioned between the upper surface and the light source.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, and further comprising a spreading plate disposed on the upper portion adapted to distribute at least a portion of the produced light.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the reflective plate is formed to have a substantially arc-shape.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the reflective plate is formed to have a substantially U-shape.

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- 24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, and further comprising two apertures formed on the reflective plate.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein at least a portion of the one or more apertures comprise a first end, a center portion and a second end, wherein the center portion of the aperture is wider than one of the first and second end.
- 26. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper surface is in a direction opposite that of said first surface from the light-emitting element.
 - 27. (New) A scanner component, comprising:

a generally reflective plate adapted for coupling to a scanner, wherein the plate includes a central part and a generally non-reflective portion at a first predetermined position which is proximate to the central part of said reflective plate;

a light-emitting element; and

a scanning platform, wherein the light-emitting element is between the reflective plate and the scanning platform.

28. (New) The scanner component as claimed in claim 27, wherein the generally non-reflective portion comprises an aperture.